

Showers Tonight and Tuesday.

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## LEADERS TO RIDE ROUGH SHOD OVER LABOR DELEGATES

Steam Roller Tactics Adopted By Organization With Insurgents.

## CONVENTION OPENS AT TORONTO TODAY

Federation Officers Straining Every Nerve to Whip "Outcasts" Sympathizers Into Line.

### LABOR LEADER'S SHOTS IN OPENING SPEECH

An unprejudiced, impartial judge might well have deferred a decision in a contempt case alleging violation of an injunction while an appeal upon the validity of the injunction itself was pending.

The unprecedented sentences imposed were entirely in conflict with the spirit and plain provision of the Constitution as being cruel and unusual.

We have dared to defend our constitutional rights as men and as citizens, despite the injunction of the court which sought to invade the rights of free speech and free press secured to the Anglo-Saxon people centuries ago by Magna Charta and clinched by the adoption of the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

The people of our country have with the men of labor made it clear to the whole world that no curtailment of the rights of free press and free speech will be tolerated.

The technicalities of the case were soon lost sight of in the battle to preserve the great principles of human liberty which were involved.

The herculean efforts of the men of labor to arouse the people of the country to a realization of the danger which threatens our constitutional liberties will go down in the annals of history as one of the great crusades for the maintenance and advancement of human rights.

In the whole history of our movement no greater struggle has taken place than that for the preservation and the maintenance of the right of free press and free speech.

TORONTO, Ontario, Nov. 8.—That the steam roller is now under full headway and will be skillfully managed by the officers of the American Federation of Labor against all internal opposition at the twenty-ninth annual convention here this morning is secretly admitted.

Sympathizers with the "insurgent" electrical workers and those delegates representing expelled city central bodies and the State federations in Ohio, Iowa, Nebraska, and Oklahoma, admit the outlook is not hopeful.

Federation officers, while outwardly pretending that the possibility of general disruption is far remote, are straining every nerve to minimize the outbreak and to strengthen their lines. Their greatest defense is the control of all committees.

### Insurgents Hope.

The hopes of the insurgents is to force the fight to the convention floor, hoping by a statement of grievance before the delegates to gain adherents. The officers are planning to dispose of everything in committees.

The trouble that has spread to many States and Canada and which many predict might result disastrously to the A. F. of L., grows out of a split in the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

The federation recognized the faction headed by E. J. McQuitty, J. J. Reed is president of the other. Many State organizations and central bodies es-

### WEATHER REPORT.

It is decidedly colder in the West, and warmer from the upper Ohio valley and lower lake region eastward.

The weather will be unsettled and showery tonight and Tuesday in the middle Atlantic States.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.  
Showers tonight and Tuesday; cooler Tuesday; moderate southwest to north-west winds.

### TEMPERATURES.

8 a. m. 51  
9 a. m. 52  
10 a. m. 53  
11 a. m. 54  
Noon 55  
1 p. m. 56  
2 p. m. 57

### SUN TABLE.

Sun rises 7:33  
Sun sets 4:53

### TIDE TABLE.

Today—High tide, 4:45 a. m. and 5:05 p. m.  
Low tide, 11:15 a. m. and 11:45 p. m.  
Tomorrow—High tide, 5:36 a. m. and 5:46 p. m.  
Low tide, 11:58 a. m.

### CONDITION OF THE RIVERS.

HARPERS FERRY, W. Va., Nov. 8.—Both rivers clear this morning.

Blinds to Suit Your Windows, \$1.15 Pr. Frank Libbey & Co., 6th & N. Y. Ave. Adv.

## WARNING IS SOUNDED BY PRESIDENT ELIOT

Peculiar Interest Is Attached to Statement Issued Today on Grave Danger of Coal Land Monopoly. Makes Plea for Effective Legislation.

That the organized conservation movement is prepared for a big national movement to secure, at the coming session of Congress, revision of the national laws under which coal lands and water powers are administered, is made additionally apparent by the issuance of a remarkable statement today by former President Charles W. Eliot, of Harvard.

Dr. Eliot is president of the National Conservation Association, one of the various organizations which are interested in extension of conservation work.

The statement from Dr. Eliot will be regarded as of special significance because its source assures that it would not be issued without full knowledge of the facts underlying its conclusions. Dr. Eliot sounds a solemn warning of the grave danger of monopoly control, at an early date, of the water powers and coal deposits of the country, toward which he finds great selfish interests are making rapid progress.

Peculiar interest will attach to this statement from Dr. Eliot for two reasons. One is that it is known that publicity will shortly be given to charges

by Louis R. Glavis concerning the relations of the Interior Department to the interests that have been charged with selling much of the most valuable resources of Alaska.

The other is that Secretary Ballinger today issued a statement defending his policy in connection with withdrawal of public lands for water-power purposes. Mr. Ballinger insists that his course has been the one best calculated to protect the public interest, and a course which goes farther even than did that of Secretary Garfield, in giving effective, practical protection.

On the other hand, the Glavis charges, whose details are set out in a public new light on the entire question of the attitude of the department toward the big interests in Alaska. Dr. Eliot's plea is for effective legislation, to be passed without delay, to protect the public interests in lands and water powers. He finds that as to both these resources immediate action is necessary. The conservation forces are prepared to insist upon new laws, and are out to organize a great force of public sentiment to force their demands upon Congress.

## ANNAPOLIS HERO NOW IMPROVING

Midshipmen Wilson on Road To Recovery After Operation on Neck.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Nov. 8.—Earl D. Wilson, the Naval Academy football player, a vertebrae of whose neck was broken in a game a little more than three weeks ago, and upon whom a delicate operation was performed yesterday, passed a comfortable night and this morning the reports are encouraging. There has been no lessening of the paralysis which is almost complete below the neck, but none was expected by the surgeons until the spinal cord from which the pressure has been removed has had a chance to recuperate and assume its natural condition. Wilson slept naturally during the night and this morning is in excellent spirits. In fact he has never been discouraged since the accident and his courage has contributed largely to the fine general condition which made the operation possible.

Shortly after the accident, it was thought that Wilson could not possibly survive the effects of an operation or even the anaesthetic and it was only his splendid general condition that encouraged the surgeons to take the chance. The operation performed yesterday by Surgeon Charles E. Stokes, U. S. N., assisted by four of the surgeons attached to the Naval Hospital, all in the naval medical service, was most delicate and unusual.

Not only were the entire laminae of four of the cervical vertebrae removed, but the outer covering of the cord itself was removed in order to permit a thorough examination of the cord. It was found to be intact, but badly compressed, particularly in the region of the fourth vertebra, which was dislocated. There was a fracture of the fifth vertebra, but the operation disclosed the chief injury was due to the pressure caused by the dislocation of the fourth vertebra.

The surgeons are confident all pressure has been removed from the cord and that Wilson's chances of recovery are excellent. As only the outer portion of the vertebra has been removed, there is no reason to believe Wilson will not be completely recovered. His spinal cord will be somewhat less protected at the neck, but it is not thought that there will be any necessity of a brace or other artificial support.

The success of the operation has delighted the whole brigade of midshipmen and the people of Annapolis in general.

### ROOSEVELT WIRES WIFE HE IS WELL

Cable From Former President Puts End to Alarm-ing Rumors.

ROME, Nov. 8.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt today received a cable message from her husband, former President Roosevelt, dated Nairobi, stating there is no truth in the rumors that he is ill or has met with an accident.

He adds that he is "perfectly well."

### JUDGE KIMBALL TO GIVE LECTURE

Judge Ivory G. Kimball, a comrade of Burnside Post, No. 8, G. A. R., will deliver a free lecture, illustrated with 150 stereoscopic views, on the subject of his recent trip to South America and the West Indies, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at G. A. R. Hall, 1422 Pennsylvania avenue.

All comrades of the G. A. R. and members of the W. R. C., with their friends, are invited.

### MAN ACCUSES WOMAN.

TOPEKA, Nov. 8.—Following a confession that he murdered Mrs. Mary Short in the hope of gaining possession of her property, Fred Fanning today implicated Mrs. Minnie English in the crime, and she was arrested as an accomplice.

## PRESIDENT PLAYS GOLF AT AUGUSTA

Will Be the Guest of Honor At the State Fair This Afternoon.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Nov. 8.—President Taft is playing golf today.

At 8 o'clock he started out at the Country Club with Major J. B. Cumming and went around the eighteen holes prepared to put up a new Presidential record on the honor of a small gallery as the President requested permission to play his game without interruption.

Following the session at golf the President was escorted to the Chamber of Commerce where he was introduced to the business men of the city. This afternoon, accompanied by the governors of South Carolina and Georgia, he will leave for the State fair and will leave for Wilmington, N. C., at 3 o'clock.

## AUSTRALIAN MINERS ALL GO ON STRIKE

Twelve Thousand Workers Cause Complete Tie-up and Great Business Loss.

SYDNEY, Nov. 8.—Twelve thousand Australian coal miners went on strike today, demanding more wages and better hours. All other miners in the country are expected to follow their example and the tie-up promised to cause great loss to manufacturers and business generally.

It is believed a general coal famine will ensue as the result of the strike and will last until coal can be imported from Japan.

## THE NORTH DAKOTA ON HER LAST TEST

Dreadnought Is Off Massachusetts Coast in Twenty-four-Hour Run At Nineteen Knots.

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 8.—With all her contract requirements exceeded in her tests to date the North Dakota, America's big new Dreadnought, is today off the Massachusetts coast on her twenty-four-hour test in which she will be keyed up to a nineteen-knot pitch of speed throughout.

The tests that she has thus far undergone, the North Dakota has far exceeded the performance of her sister ship and rival for American naval supremacy, the Delaware.

### Two Hundred and Six Columns Gain

That is the advertising record of The Washington Times for last week as compared with the corresponding week of a year ago—a gain made all the more significant since it nearly doubles the amount of advertising carried.

Here Are the Figures:

Advertising Carried Last Week.....463 Cols.  
The Corresponding Week in 1908.....257 Cols.  
Gain.....206 Cols.

The surest proof of a paper's value is the confidence placed in it by its advertisers. That these advertisers should nearly double their expenditure in one paper in a year's time is the strongest tribute that could be paid to the pulling power of The Washington Times.

"Advertising that pays grows.  
Advertising that grows pays."

## AMERICAN EXPERTS WILL INVESTIGATE CLAIMS OF DR. COOK

Committee Appointed by the Board of Managers of National Geographic Society.

## WILL MAKE TRIP TO DANISH CAPITAL

Action Due, It Is Said, to Persistent Demand of Brooklyn Man's Friends.

A new committee of the National Geographic Society, composed of members who had nothing to do with the Peary records, was appointed by the board of managers of the society at a meeting today, and will go to Copenhagen to examine the Cook records as soon as they are made public by the Danish scientists.

The address by Rear Admiral Colby M. Chester, a member of the committee that examined the Peary records, in which Chester called Cook a "faker," was one of the causes leading to today's action.

A statement given out by the board of managers after the meeting says: Board's Decision.

"The committee on research recommended that the personnel of the committee to consider whether the Peary was discovered before 1909 should be entirely different from that of the committee which passed on the Peary records.

"Upon their recommendation the board appointed the following committee: 'J. Howard Gore, formerly professor of mathematics George Washington University; Rear Admiral John E. Pillsbury, U. S. N., and Dr. C. Willard Hayes, chief geologist of the United States Geological Survey.'

The committee has the power 'to send for papers or make such journeys as may be necessary to inspect original records,' according to a resolution adopted some time ago.

It is stated that the committee will go to Copenhagen so as to inspect the Cook records as soon as the Danish scientists are ready to make them public.

"The address of Admiral Chester Saturday night was his own affair and has not been before the society," said Willis L. Moore, president of the board of managers, today. He would not say, however, that it would not be considered by the society.

It was stated that today's action was taken in response to a large number of demands by Cook's adherents in the National Geographic Society that the Brooklyn explorer be given some recognition.

Peary in Capital. Commander Robert E. Peary, the Arctic explorer, accompanied by Mrs. Peary, arrived in Washington from Maine this morning, and will spend the winter in this city.

Commander Peary arrived in town almost at the time a meeting was being held by the board of managers of the National Geographic Society, to take action regarding investigation of Dr. Cook's records.

Commander Peary was asked to express his views of the situation, especially with reference to the statement made by Admiral Chester, of the navy, who states that he doesn't believe that Dr. Cook discovered the Pole.

He talked briefly, outlining his plans for the coming winter, but he declined to go into a discussion of the merits of the controversy, even refraining from mentioning Dr. Cook's name.

"I got into the city with Mrs. Peary from Maine this morning," he said. "My plans involve a winter's residence here, in the course of which I shall have much

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## MRS. ASTOR IS GRANTED AN ABSOLUTE DIVORCE

Proceedings in Court Today Take Less Than Minute. Colonel Astor or His Wife Not Present—Papers in Case Are Ordered Sealed.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Mrs. John Jacob Astor, the society leader, was granted an absolute divorce from her husband, John Jacob Astor, by Justice Mills, in the supreme court, here today. The papers in the case are ordered sealed.

The proceedings consumed less than one minute in open court, and it was plain that nothing had been left undone to prevent any of the details of the divorce action becoming known. Justice Mills was seated on the bench when John L. Cadwalader, of the law firm of Strong & Cadwalader, of New York, appeared before him and handed over the desk a bundle of papers.

"I present the report of C. H. Young, appointed referee by this court to hear and determine the action for absolute divorce brought by Mrs. John Jacob Astor against her husband, Col. John Jacob Astor, and ask that it be confirmed."

Justice Mills nodded. "I have read

the report as filed with the court," he said, "and believe that it warrants the relief desired. You, Mr. Cadwalader, will draw the decree in favor of your client, and I will sign it."

Cadwalader bowed and stood as though waiting for something. "Oh, yes," broke in the justice, "all of the papers in this case are hereby ordered placed under the seal of the court."

Neither Colonel nor Mrs. Astor were in court when the decree was granted. All of the work had been taken care of by their attorneys, and there was no hitch in the prearranged plan. Who was named as co-respondent is not known, and probably will never be, although there is a strong rumor that the affair was entirely arranged for and the co-respondent provided so that the persons who were considered at the outset of the action might be protected.

It is rumored that Mrs. Astor received a lump sum of \$100,000 in her alimony, and she will have the custody of their daughter, while their son will remain with their father.

## CITIES MAY SPLIT ON AVIATION MEET

Washington-Baltimore Partnership in Danger of Being Dissolved.

The Washington-Baltimore partnership arrangement for the securing of the next international aviation meet is in danger of being dissolved.

Members of the local joint aviation committee are aroused over a story published in a Baltimore newspaper that a committee representing that city has selected a site for the meet, situated between Odenton and Annapolis Junction, which has advantages over College Park.

There is a strong suspicion existing in certain quarters that Baltimore, with the backing of Washington's \$50,000 guarantee fund under the joint arrangement, could execute a coup d'etat at the last moment, by showing the Aero Club of America a better site located nearer that city, and thus reap most of the benefits Washington would secure, if the meet were held at College Park.

While none of the officials of the local committee would openly express themselves today regarding the situation, it is well understood that no little uneasiness is felt as to the outcome of it.

Unconfirmed rumors that Baltimore intended withdrawing its support of Washington have reached the committee's ears during the past few days, but the announcement that a new site had been selected nearer that city, which was preferred to College Park, has produced real concern.

It is pointed out that Washington has raised three-fifths of its guarantee fund, while Baltimore scarcely has started to raise its half. If it should prove to be the case that the site nearer Baltimore is a better aviation field than College Park, a unique situation would result.

The Aero Club, convinced that the two cities could produce \$100,000, doubtless would select the better site, and Washington would find itself in the position of having pledged \$50,000 toward what would be largely a Baltimore enterprise.

It is believed that the Aero Club, in deciding where the meet is to be held, will consider first the financial and the practical side of the question. It is a unanimity of opinion among local business men that with the big start already made in securing \$50,000 in Washington, but very little effort would be required to increase the amount to \$100,000.

As the situation stands at present, Washington doubtless could raise \$100,000 quicker than any Eastern

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## GOVERNMENT CLERKS TO HOLD MEETING

Civil Service Retirement Association Will Gather at Philadelphia Friday.

In order to bring graphically before Congress the desires and needs of the aged employees in the Government service, the Civil Service Retirement Association will hold a meeting in Philadelphia Friday evening, which will be followed shortly by a conference in Washington by the officers of the association and many of the heads of departments who are interested in the movement to pension employees after a certain period of service.

President Michael R. O'Donoghue of the association, an examiner in the Patent Office, will go to Philadelphia to preside at the meeting Friday evening. The entire Pennsylvania delegation will occupy seats on the platform at the meeting, and several of them will speak. Senator R. B. Smith is outspoken in favor of a pension for aged employees, and will speak briefly Friday night.

The principal address at Philadelphia will be made by Max Reibenack, a director of the Pennsylvania railroad. Governor Stuart and Mayor Reubyn will give the plan their endorsement. Second Assistant Postmaster General Joseph Stewart will speak in favor of governmental pensions for aged employees.

Philadelphia has many Government employees, and more than two-thirds of them are members of the association. It is expected this meeting will be a large one and the conference in Washington will be well attended by the leaders in every department of the Government.

## COMMITTEE BUSY DRAWING A CHARTER

John W. Hayes Is Chairman of the North Beach (Md.) Body.

A committee, of which John W. Hayes is chairman, is busy today preparing a charter for North Beach, Md., which desires to incorporate as a town.

This committee was appointed last Saturday night at the meeting of the North Beach Citizens' Association after listening to a report of a special committee which held that the community can legally incorporate. This community now has a postoffice and the association has been able to secure a number of improvements in the community. It was formerly known as North Chesapeake Beach.

## MAY NOMINATIONS FOR TRADE BOARD

The New Directors Will Be Chosen at Annual Meeting Next Monday.

All records for nominations in the Board of Trade have been broken by the posting of thirty-nine names for ten vacancies on the board of directors. Last year only twenty-four nominations were made for the same number of vacancies. The candidates are J. Louis Willige, Frank E. Gideon, Thomas W. Sidwell, C. A. Joerissen, Cuno H. Rudolph, William Tindall, Scott C. Bone, William T. Gallier, E. C. Graham, John B. Larner, Frederic C. Sidons, John L. Weaver, J. Miller Kenyon, Michael I. Weller, William J. Flaherty, Basil W. Earnshaw, Thomas W. Smith, Samuel S. Shedd, James L. Parsons, D. Olin Leach, George Truesdell, John M. Wilson, S. W. Woodward, A. F. Fox, D. J. Callahan, Allen D. Albert, Jr., John W. Nolan, Thomas Grant, Arthur D. Marks, Conrad H. Syme, E. O. Whitford, Albert Schulteis, George E. Walker, Fred G. Coldren, B. F. Saul, W. S. Knox, W. S. Hoge, J. B. Gregg, Gust, and George Schutt.

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WAGES TO BE RAISED.

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 8.—A raise of between 15 and 16 per cent in wages for the year 1910 for the 3,000 workers of the H. C. Frick Coke Company and of the Steel Corporation is to be announced here shortly. This raise will be 16 cents on the present labor cost price of \$1.04 per ton in coke making.

## NINE LEAP TO DEATH IN RUSH TO ESCAPE SPREADING FLAMES

Wild Panic Follows Discovery of Fire in New York Factory.

## TEN BADLY INJURED BY JUMP TO GROUND

Celluloid Supply in Structure Gives Firemen Hard Fight—Many Of Them Hurt.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Eight workmen and one boy lost their lives and ten other workmen were badly hurt by jumping from windows during a fire that today destroyed the celluloid factory of William Morrison & Son, 152 Columbia street.

The fire started on the second floor from some unknown cause, and, fed on inflammable materials, spread rapidly through the building, cutting off the escape of the workmen who were at their benches.

PANIC FOLLOWS. There was a wild panic and many jumped from the windows without stopping to raise the sashes. A number were cut by flying glass, and hurt by striking the ground.

Three alarms were sounded bringing all of the available fire apparatus in the District and Chief Croker from New York. The fire was a hard one to control as the stored celluloid exploded as the flames hit it, driving the firemen back from the burning structures.

Firemen Injured. The work of getting the dead and injured out of the building called for desperate effort on the part of the firemen, and several of them were burned while doing so.

By orders of Chief Croker every effort was made to keep the flames in the four-story building in which it started, but this seemed a hopeless task, as the adjoining structures were all old buildings of an inflammable character.

One of those who lost their lives is William Morrison, twenty-four years old, junior member of the firm of Morrison & Son. Two other members of the firm, Robert Morrison, sr., and Robert Morrison, jr., were badly burned, and taken to the hospital.

Dead Unidentified. None of the other dead have been identified.

Following is a partial list of the injured: Oliver Davis, Manhattan, cut and bruised and possible internal injuries from jumping from window. William Bell, Manhattan, cut about face and arms.

It is feared that more bodies will be recovered as there are a number of persons missing.

## WORKINGMAN FALLS HEIR TO A FORTUNE

Fifty-Year-Old Hotel Employee Is Left Enormous Estate in England.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Nov. 8.—Edward A. Trevillian, fifty years old, employed at a small hotel here, has received notice of his succession to an enormous English estate. The property was left by an uncle, who died in London on August 16. It is said that attempts had been made to have Trevillian sign over his rights, but he refused.

He declines to comment on his good fortune.

## MILLER APPEALS FROM JUDGMENT

Former Secretary of Building Association Loses His Demurrer.

An appeal from the judgment of \$156,317.55 entered last week against John Barton Miller, former secretary-treasurer of the First Co-operative Building Association of Georgetown, in favor of William E. Ambrose, receiver, was noted today.

The judgment was entered following the dismissal of a demurrer filed by Mr. Miller's attorneys to the bill of Mr. Ambrose claiming Miller had misappropriated the funds of the association. Criminal charges on this count are now pending against Miller. Attorneys Henry E. Davis and John E. Lasky, representing Miller, asked that the bond for the appeal be fixed at \$100.

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